

REMARKS

This paper responds to the Office Action dated December 16, 2003.

In response to the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, claim 8 has been amended. It is respectfully submitted that the amended language is definite.

Claims 10 and 14-16 have been canceled, rendering the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103 moot.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance and favorable reconsideration thereof is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

Date:

04/16/04

Chad C. Anderson

Chad C. Anderson

Registration No. 44,505

Andrew C. Aitken

Registration No. 36,729

VENABLE

P.O. Box 34385

Washington, D.C. 20043-9998

Telephone: (202) 344-4800

Telefax: (202) 344-8300

::ODMA#PCDOCS#DC2DOCS1#540257#1